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Comments: I say NO to the Heber Wild Horse Territory management plan...It's UNACCEPTABLE!

The Forest Service plan will destroy the Heber Wild Horse Herd!

THE WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND BURROS ACT OF 1971 states:

"All management activities shall be at the minimal feasible level"

Culling and using birth control on a herd that is not, and never has been proven to be overpopulated is in violation of that regulation. The Heber herd is NOT overpopulated but government agencies are already getting their bait trap panels ready to go while some wild horse groups are loading their PZP dart guns. This is the exploitation of America's Heber wild horses. And it's not acceptable by law or by principle.

- 1) Expand the current designated HWHT to include the entire 818,651 acres of the Sitgreaves National Forest, the way it should have been done in the first place. AML, forage allocation, and everything else related to the Heber herd should be based on the "territorial habitat limits". The Sitgreaves National Forest is where the Heber wild horses have been historically known to use as their territorial habitat limits.
- 2) No overpopulation equals NO CULL! PERIOD!
- 3) No overpopulation equals NO BIRTH CONTROL! PERIOD!

It's is inhumane and unacceptable to remove wild horses from their natural habitat and house them in pens where they have no place to roam and run, are stripped from their families, and have no quality of life. There is a better way to manage the icons of the West. Do the right thing and find other places to graze cattle that doesn't decimate a native species.